

LJCMC REPORT CARD

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What's up Doc? case management news

Case Management is presently keeping tabs on several areas of interest.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services produce a

PEPPER report quarterly that addresses target areas for statistical data management. A few of the areas listed below are compared to the State averages for acute care hospitals.

We are monitoring

- 1 day admits
- Length of stay
- 30 day readmits

MEDICARE ONE DAY ADMITS:

Medicare pays hospitals by an MS-DRG level of care payment system. Based on the severity of illness and the primary diagnosis a payment is assigned. Usually these payments are calculated to cover an estimated stay of more than one day. One day stays are looked at closely. The question is often raised, could this have been an **Observation** level of care?

November was the only month that we exceeded the state average of **12.3%**. Our yearly average was **8.6%**. **What was our grade?**

A+

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY:

Since August 2008 we had an average length of stay for acute care (not including psychiatry) of **4.2** days. Medicare's case mix average is **3.35** days. **What was our grade?**

B+

MEDICARE 30 DAY READMITS:

In 2006 and 2007 we had a 30 day readmit rate of 21%.

In 2008 we dropped to **16%** which is below the state median average of **17.4%**. **What was our grade?**

A+

How did we stack up?

